

HOUSE BILL 3106  
By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 4, relative to education scholarships.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following language as a new section thereto:

49-4-934.

(a) To be eligible for a returning veterans education scholarship, a student shall have:

(1) Graduated from an eligible high school, graduated from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school, completed high school in a Tennessee home school program, or obtained a GED;

(2) Enlisted in the military while residing in Tennessee;

(3) Completed one hundred eighty (180) days of consecutive active military duty. For purposes of this subdivision, "active military duty" shall have the same meaning as "active military service of the United States", as such term is defined in Section 58-1-102(2);

(4) Been discharged from military service under honorable conditions within the past five (5) years;

(5) Met the requirements of § 49-4-907(3) if the student graduated from an eligible high school, or § 49-4-908(2), if the student completed high school in a Tennessee home school program, graduated from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school, or obtained a GED;

(6) Made application for a returning veterans education scholarship; and

(7) Been admitted to an eligible public postsecondary institution.

(b) To continue to receive the scholarship, the student shall maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs by the institution at which the student is enrolled, shall continue to meet all eligibility requirements, shall reapply for the scholarship each academic year, and shall meet the continuation requirements of § 49-4-911.

(c) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly, any person who is determined to be eligible for a returning veterans education scholarship shall receive a fifty percent (50%) discount on tuition to any eligible public postsecondary institution.

(d) Notwithstanding §§ 49-4-907 and 49-4-908, or other law to the contrary, prior enrollment in a postsecondary institution shall not preclude any person's eligibility for a returning veterans education scholarship.

(e) Any person who receives a returning veterans education scholarship shall cease to be eligible for such scholarship after completion of the final semester in which such person is enrolled in an eligible public postsecondary institution prior to the expiration of the five-year eligibility period.

(f) This section shall not apply to any person whose discharge is not fully honorable. A discharge under honorable conditions and general discharges do not establish eligibility for a returning veterans' education scholarship under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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